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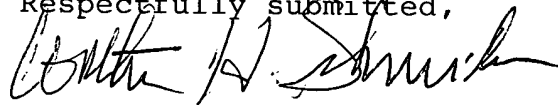
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the new patent application of ROLANDO BARBUCCI and GIANCARLO SPORTOLETTI constituting the U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP99/08480 filed November 9, 1999 entitled CROSS-LINKING PROCESS OF CARBOXYLATED POLYSACCHARIDES.

Attached are the following documents:

1. English language copy of PCT/EP99/08481 comprising:
  - a. 20 pages of specification
  - b. 2 pages of claims comprising Claims 1-11.
2. Copy of International Search Report
3. Declaration (later)
4. Assignment (later)
5. A Preliminary Amendment
6. A check in the amount of \$860 to cover the filing fee.

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